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COUNTRY East GermanyREPORT NO.                     TOPIC Soviet Troop TrainsEVALUATION see belowPLACE OBTAINED                     

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DATE OF CONTENT 20 October to 3 November 1953DATE OBTAINED                      DATE PREPARED 20 November 1955REFERENCES                     

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                     The following converted boxcars (C/B) had to be made available between 28 October and 5 November 1953:

Date in October	Number of Cars	In
28	3 C/B	Jüterbog-Altsitzlager
29	30 C/B	Frankfurt/Oder
30	30 C/B	"
1-2	12 C/B	Brandenburg Altsitzlager
	8 C/B	Satzhorn
November	3 C/B	Jüterbog Altsitzlager
5	5 C/B	"

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                     2. Troop trains passing through Suhlrose between 24 and 28 October included:

B - boxcar  
F - flatcar

Date in October	Number and Type of Cars	Load	From	Toward
24	50 B,	troops	Kuesstrin	Cottbus
25	50 B	"	"	"
14 F	13 AT guns	from the direction of Cottbus		Frankfurt/Oder

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26	54 B	Troops	Kuestrin	Cottbus
	55 B	"	"	"
27	55 B	"	"	to Klotzsche
	55 B	"	Frankfurt/Oder	Cottbus
28	56 B	"	Kuestrin	"
	10 B, 22 F	15 two-wheel ammunition trailers	Frankfurt/Oder	"

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3. Troop trains loaded in Brandenburg-Altstadt on 26 and 28 October included:

Date	Number and Type of Cars	Load	To
26	9 C/B	270 troops	Frankfurt/Oder
	9 C/2	180 "	Potsdam
28	1 C/B	20 "	Jueterbog-Altes Lager
	3 F	6 AA guns	

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4. Troop trains observed included:

20 October. A train of 43 boxcars with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia from Brest Litovsk to Jueterbog-Altes Lager.

21 October. A shipment of 8 boxcars with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, attached to a passenger train from Rossau to Wittenberg and bound for Jueterbog-Altes Lager.

22 October. A train of 60 boxcars with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia; and a few, red epaulets, which passed through Falkenberg, coming from Kiesa and bound for Jueterbog.

A train of 60 boxcars with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank insignia, and a few, red epaulets, which passed through Wittenberg, proceeding toward Guben.

1 November. A train of 36 boxcars with troops wearing red-bordered black and red epaulets, from Cottbus to Jueterbog. A similar shipment was announced for 2 November.

5. Two shipments of 39 and 40 boxcars occupied by troops passed through Finsterwalde on 28 October, coming from the Direction of Cottbus and proceeding toward Döberitz-Kirchhain.

6. Troop trains [redacted] between 23 and 30 October included:

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Date in Number and  
October Type of Cars of Tons

From

To

23 8 C/B

Magdeburg-  
Brueckfeld

Borstel

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7 C/B

"

Ludwigslust

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8 C/B

"

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28 12 C/B, 3 B

Ludwigslust

Magdeburg  
Brueckfeld

29 11 C/B, 3 B

Perleberg

Dranse

6 F

812

11 C/B, 4 B

Ludwigslust

"

11 F

292

11 C/B, 3 F, 302  
8 F

Parchim

"

20 C/B, 4 B, 713  
30 F

Schwerin

Wittstock

30 7 C/B, 1 B, 553  
24 F

Hagenow

Dranse

10 C/B, 1 B, 447  
20 F

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1. [ ] Comment. The two shipments were reported [ ] as dispatched from Rathenow. [ ] As the two trains probably carried recruits to the posts of the IV Army Corps, Rathenow as dispatching station appears more credible. 25X1
2. [ ] Comment. The interzonal shuttle-train [ ] carried recruits to Stendal-Borstel, Ludwigslust and Schwerin from Magdeburg on 23 October. [ ] 25X1
3. [ ] Comment. From the low loads stated, it is inferred that the trains did not carry tanks. The movements cannot be accounted for. The Wittstock training grounds had been vacated by the elements of the 18th Mech Div prior to mid-October. 25X1

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